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SUBJECT: NATO LONG TERM INITIATIVES REINTAF -
AMMUNITION HANDLING

REF: SACLANT 281656Z OCT 77 (NOTAL)

1. FOR US MISSION NATO AND USDEL MC: UNLESS YOU HAVE
OBJECTIONS, USLOSACLANT WILL PASS INFORMATION IN
PARAGRAPH THREE FOLLOWING TO VADM LORAM, DIRECTOR,
TF 2. FURTHER, ON NOV. 22 REQUEST THE SAME INFORMATION
BE RELEASED TO SECRETARY PBEIST; MR. FARRANT, CEP
DIRECTORATE; DIRECTOR TASK FORCE NONE; P AND P DIV-IMS;
CINCHAN FOR INFO MEYER; AND SACLANTREPEUR.

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2. FOR USLO SACLANT: PROVIDED NO OBJECTIONS RECEIVED
FROM US MISSION NATO OR USDELMC BY COB, 21 NOVEMBER
1977, PLEASE PASS INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH THREE BELOW
TO VADM LORAM, DIRECTOR, TASK FORCE 2.

3. BEGIN TEXT: 1. SACLANT MESSAGE 281656Z OCT 77

REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM
OF TRANSPORTING LARGE QUANTITIES OF AMMUNITION INTO
CENTRAL EUROPE DURING A PERIOD OF TENSION WHILE

PEACETIME REGULATIONS ARE STILL IN EFFECT. CURRENT US
PROGRAMMING WILL PRE-POSITION SUFFICIENT AMMUNITION FOR
FIRST 60 DAYS HOSTILITIES, PRECLUDING A REQUIREMENT TO
SHIP LARGE QUANTITIES OF AMMUNITION DURING A PERIOD OF
INCREASED TENSION. THE ONLY AMMO ENVISIONED TO BE
SHIPPED INTO CENTRAL EUROPE PRIOR TO OUTBREAK OF
HOSTILITIES WOULD BE THAT ACCOMPANYING REINFORCEMENTS
AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH B BELOW.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN
RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN SACLANT
MESSAGE AND IS BASED ON FORCES, REQUIREMENTS, AND
CAPABILITIES PROGRAMMED FOR EARLY TO MID-1990S.

A. PROJECTED PROGRAMS WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT
WAIVER-FREE AMMUNITION OCEAN TERMINAL OUTLOADING
CAPABILITY.

B. AMMUNITION ACCOMPANYING A NATIONAL BRIGADE IS
NORMALLY LIMITED TO .50 CALIBER AND SMALLER WITH A WEIGHT
OF APPROXIMATELY 26 SHORT TONS. THIS EQUATES TO
APPROXIMATELY 9 SHORT TONS PER SHIPLOAD ON A RO/RO
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AND APPROXIMATELY 7 SHORT TONS ON A BREAKBULK VESSEL.

C. EXPLOSIVE CONTENT OF FOUR GENERAL TYPES OF
AMMUNITION LOADS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	WEIGHT	NEC	
	(MEASUREMENT (NET EXPLOSIVE		
TYPE SHIP	TYPE AMMO LOAD (TONS)	CONTENT (LBS)	

BREAKBULK ... GENERAL MIX	 8,953	 3.2 MILLION
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BREAKBULK ... ARTILLERY HEAVY	7,713	 2.8 MILLION
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BREAKBULK ... BOMBS	 7,946	 6.6 MILLION
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CONTAINERSHIP GENERAL	14,540	 4.6 MILLION
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D. PROJECTED OCEAN TERMINAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMS
WILL PROVIDE FOR OUTLOADING OF UP TO 1,000 AMMUNITION
CONTAINERS PER DAY (12,000 SHORT TONS PER DAY).

E. WITH PRE-POSITIONED WAR RESERVE STOCKS RECONSTITUTED,

A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 2.7 MILLION SHORT TONS OF
AMMUNITION MUST BE DELIVERED DURING THE FIRST 180 DAYS

FOLLOWING MOBILIZATION. APPROXIMATELY 35,000 SHORT TONS
ARE PROJECTED FOR UK. INFORMATION ON THE ULTIMATE
SPECIFIC DESTINATION, BY REGION, COULD BE BEST PROVIDED
BY SHAPE. END TEXT.

4. THIS IS A JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

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